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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application based on discussions as follows:

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